



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of Application of
CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER
COMPANY (U 210 W) for an order authorizing
it to increase its rates for water service in its Los
Angeles District to increase revenues by
\$2,020,466 or 10.88% in the year 2007; \$634,659
or 3.08% in the year 2008; and \$666,422 or
3.14% in the year 2009.

A.06-01-005
(Filed January 9, 2006)

**NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION
OF THE DIVISION OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES**

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) submits this Notice in accordance with Rule 8.5 of the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

At DRA's request, DRA met with Lester Wong, Advisor to President Peevey, on October 11, 2007, at the Commission's San Francisco offices. The meeting began at approximately 12:30 p.m. and lasted approximately fifteen minutes. Representing DRA were Diana Brooks (Program and Project Supervisor) and Natalie Wales (Staff Attorney). All communications were oral.

DRA stated that it is important to have an effective conservation rate design implemented in California-American Water Company's (Cal-Am's) Los Angeles District as soon as possible, and no later than the summer of 2008, but that DRA is flexible as to the process chosen to accomplish that goal. DRA recommended that assessment of the impact of any decoupling mechanism on the company's return on equity (ROE) should be transferred to I.07-01-022, the Conservation OIL. DRA also stated that Commission consideration of a settlement agreement on a conservation rate design that is similar to the one already submitted by the parties may require modification of D.07-08-030.

Finally, DRA stated that the Commission could address a new settlement agreement in Phase 2 of this proceeding or in the Conservation OII, but that addressing it in this proceeding may now be most expedient.

Copies of this Notice can be obtained by calling or sending e-mail to Sue Muniz at (415) 703-1858 (e-mail - sam@cpuc.ca.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

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Executed on **October 16, 2007** at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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